

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated January 3, 2007 and the Advisory Action dated April 18, 2007. Claims 1 to 4 and 6 are in the application, of which Claim 1 is independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicant's undersigned representative during the interview conducted on August 10, 2007. Applicant submits the foregoing amendments and following remarks accurately reflect the substance of the interview.

Turning to the Office Action, Claims 1 to 4 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0167013 (Iwasaki). Claim 6 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Iwasaki in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0032984 (Uchida). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

During the interview, the Examiner tentatively indicated that the foregoing amendments would overcome the outstanding rejections.

Turning to a formal matter, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner acknowledge Applicant's claim to foreign priority, as well as the USPTO's receipt of the certified copy of the priority document. (See, MPEP § 1893.03(c)).

No other matters being raised, it is believed that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

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